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1. About 80 percent of the Polish population in Sensburg ~~is against~~ the Communist regime. The nationalists among the Polish population refuse to give up their claims to the Oder-Neisse line; nevertheless, they are nourishing the hope to be liberated from Communism by American as well as German forces. Many Polish soldiers consider defecting to the West in the event of a war. Not even the civil servants are 100 percent followers of the Communist regime. In the field of taxes and similar obligations the members of the Communist Party enjoyed special privileges. In addition their needs are catered to by special shops, which sell high-quality goods at low prices.
2. Almost all the Poles in the ~~new territories~~ believed that they would not stay there for good. ~~For this reason they were only interested in~~ getting as much out of the country as possible. Almost nothing was done to rebuild badly damaged towns and villages.
3. After harvest time fire would break out on many estates. Most of these fires were due to sabotage acts or were started with a view of obtaining a reduction of delivery quotas.
4. The Germans were not allowed to run ~~schools~~ neither was German taught in Polish schools. Russian and French ~~was taught in secondary schools~~. Czech was an optional subject. Training ~~in marksmanship was compulsory~~ for boys and girls in all schools.

Comment. Source's description of the attitude of the Polish population toward the Communist regime seems credible and agrees with other information.

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